GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:505
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2003
CONVICTION RATE
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conviction rate in India is 6 per cent of the cases that are taken up for trial which is 16 per cent of the total number of cases registered;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether gathering of evidence is still a difficult task in our country;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 505 FOR 25.4.2003 REGARDING CONVICTION RATE.

(a) No, Sir. The conviction rate in cognizable IPC crime cases in relation to total number of cases in which trial has been completed was 40.9% in 2001.

(b) The I conviction rate is affected by a variety of factors like delays and deficiencies in investigation, witness protection measures, delays in judicial proceedings and inadequate judicial infrastructure.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): Central Government had constituted the Malimath Commi ttee to go into the question of reforms needed for streamlining the criminal justice system. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government on 21.4.2003.